

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### Symphony of the Americas Summerfest 2006

Sunday, July 16, 3:00 p.m.  
Miami Beach Community Church, Corner of Lincoln Road and Drexel Avenue

### Miami Vice MDPL - Art Deco in Film - FREE

Tuesday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.  
Art Deco Welcome Center, 1001 Ocean Drive

### Film Life & HBO's 10th Annual American Black Film Festival

Tuesday, July 18 through Sunday, July 23  
Various venues throughout Miami Beach

### Finance and Citywide Projects Committee

Thursday, July 20, 2:30 p.m., City Manager's Large Conf. Room, City Hall

### Paquito D'Rivera Meets Las Hermanas Marquez

Friday, July 21, 2006, 8:00 p.m.  
Jackie Gleason Theater, 1700 Washington Ave.

### Film - Tsotsi

Friday, July 21, 8:30 p.m., M.B. Cinematheque, 512 Española Way

### Film - Vengeance Is Mine

Saturday, July 22, 8:00 p.m., M.B. Cinematheque, 512 Española Way

### Film - Ichi The Killer

Saturday, July 22, 10:30 p.m., M.B. Cinematheque, 512 Española Way

### Documentary Film - Haiti: Dreams of Democracy

Sunday, July 23, 3:00 p.m., Bass Museum, 2121 Park Ave.

## City Proposes Largest Millage Reduction in 15 Years Increased Services Provide More Value

The Miami Beach City Commission meeting last week set the City's tentative total millage rate for next year. The rate was reduced by 0.4 mills, which represents the largest reduction in more than 15 years. The proposed overall combined tentative millage rate of 7.673 would save the average homeowner \$30.75 each year in taxes paid to the City.

The City also made recommendations to increase the value of services for taxes paid in the proposed operating budget for the next fiscal year of 2006-2007. The proposed budget will be considered by the City Commission in September.

The enhancements in services proposed are in line with the community's priorities identified through surveys and focus groups of residents, businesses and community organizations:

- increase the homeowners dividend to \$300
- provide fee relief in water, sewer, sanitation, and life safety inspections, which saves the average household \$47
- provide more than \$3.7 million in enhancements in primarily public safety, sanitation, landscaping and beautification, parks and cultural arts programming
  - add 22 new police officers over the next two years
  - expand sanitation services for commercial and entertainment areas, alleys, parking lots and the beaches
  - develop new programs in visual and performing arts for children enrolled in the City's parks after-school and summer programs
  - create new positions added to the Building Department to improve customer service and reduce wait times
  - enhance free services to the community, including a new, free "Music in the Parks" series.

## Hurricane Preparedness Tip

Inspect your roof for proper overflow drainage, especially on flat roofs. Make sure that all drains are clear of debris. Clogged drains will cause water to pool up on roofs and cause extensive damage. Check for loose rain gutters and drain spouts and secure.



## Playground Revue Goes Latin



With the theme of "Miami Beach Goes Latin," the 63rd Annual Playground Revue was filled with Latin flair this year as children from the City's summer camps performed a number of Hispanic song and dance routines. The show, which was held on July 6, drew hundreds of families and friends to the Jackie Gleason Theater.

The Playground Revue is the highlight of each summer camp season. This year's show also featured a guest appearance by Channel 7 news anchor Craig Stevens. For the first time this year, summer campers and recreation staff members performed a special surprise finale together that was filled with many Latin rhythms and kept the audience on their feet until the last beat.

### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

305.673.7730 | [miamibeachparks.com](http://miamibeachparks.com)

## Registration Open for Community Emergency Response Team Members

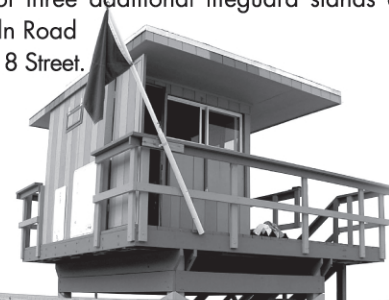
Individuals interested in actively participating in the community as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member must attend all of the free training sessions held by the Miami Beach Fire Department.

Training sessions will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., at Miami Beach Fire Station #2, 2300 Pine Tree Drive.

To register for the course, call 305.673.7126 or go to [miamibeachfl.gov/newcity/neighborhoods/register\\_cert.asp](http://miamibeachfl.gov/newcity/neighborhoods/register_cert.asp).

## COLORFUL LIFEGUARD STANDS ADORN CITY'S BEACHES

The City of Miami Beach is replacing 17 lifeguard stands that were originally scheduled for repairs or destroyed by Hurricane Wilma last year. The lifeguard stands are decorated in various colorful schemes, which include patriotic and tropical-themed stands. The proposed budget for next year includes the installation of three additional lifeguard stands at 5 Street, Lincoln Road and 18 Street.



## DON'T MISS IT

Be sure to tune in to Miami Beach's Ocean Rescue team in action on "Beach Patrol: Miami Beach" every Monday at 8:00 p.m. on Court TV.

**courtTV**

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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**Answer Center**  
305.604.CITY (2489)

**Parking**  
305.673.PARK (7275)

**Mayor/Commission**  
305.673.7030

**Job Hotline**  
305.673.7777

**City Manager**  
305.673.7010

**Tourism Hotline**  
305.673.7400

**Police (Non-Emergency)**  
305.673.7900

**Sanitation/Garbage**  
305.673.7616

**Fire (Non-Emergency)**  
305.673.7120

**Bulky Waste Pickup**  
305.471.4444

**Parks & Recreation**  
305.673.7730

**Water & Sewer (24 hr)**  
305.673.7625